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The report of the directors of this Company for the year ending 30th April, 1909, for presentation to the shareholders on Saturday, the 29th inst. is as follows:—

Gentlemen,—The directors now beg to submit to you their report and statement of accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1909.

The net profit for the twelve months, after deducting directors' fees and general managers' remuneration and providing for loss on subsidiary assets, amounts to \$35,716.05

To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account..... 7,471.05

Making available for appropriation..... \$43,187.10

The directors recommend that a dividend at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum be paid to shareholders amounting to \$1,983.10

that \$1,983.10 be set aside for the purpose of a reserve fund and that the balance of \$2,040.60 be carried to a new profit and loss account.

Directors.—Mr H. Kewick having resigned, Hon. Mr W. J. Gresson was invited to occupy the vacant seat on the Board.

In accordance with Rule 73 of the Company's Articles, Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Mr W. J. Gresson, Dr J. W. Noble, Mr G. C. Moxon and Mr C. S. Gabbay retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs W. H. Potts and A. R. Lowe. Mr Potts and Mr Lowe offer themselves for re-election.

Chairman, Hongkong, 17th May, 1909.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
For the year ending 30th April, 1909.

To To credit and stores..... \$12,570.10
To charges..... 3,350.33
To maintenance and repairs..... 7,241.40
To rates, crown rent and fire insurance..... 1,215.35
To salaries and wages..... 23,416.41
To mortgage interest on R. B. Lot 80..... 2,029.93
To allowance to general managers to cover office rent and clerks' salaries..... 6,000.00
To directors' fees..... \$2,500.00
To remuneration to general managers, 5 per cent on gross earnings..... 4,949.45
To balance..... 35,716.05

\$98,995.10

By traffic receipts (after deducting loss on subsidiary assets)..... \$94,338.13
By advertisement rents..... 272.50
By rent account..... 340.00
By transfer fees..... 6.00
By interest..... 1,980.47

\$98,995.10

BALANCE SHEET at 30th April, 1909.

LIABILITIES.
Capital account..... 75,000 shares of \$10 each..... \$750,000.00
Less uncalled, 80 per share on 50,000 shares..... 450,000.00

\$300,000.00
Reserve fund..... 5,000.00
Mortgage R. B. Lot No. 80..... 26,000.00
Unexpired season tickets..... 4,340.75
Sundry creditors..... 13,834.57

Profit and loss a/c, from last year..... \$ 7,471.05
Profit for the year..... 35,716.05

\$395,343.00

ASSETS.
Permanent way and concession (old line)..... \$200,000.00
Permanent way and concession (new line)..... 45,628.29
Stall, crown, leaseholds and buildings (Inland Lots 1317, 1323, 1334, 1335, 1353 and R. B. Lots 80 and 86)..... 35,256.23
Rolling stock..... 36,883.10
Office furniture..... 633.60
Cash and stores in hand..... 688.90
Sundry debtors..... 1,691.03
Cash in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank..... \$71,274.61
Cash and imprest orders in hand..... 3,209.18

74,583.79

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By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, May 20, 1909.

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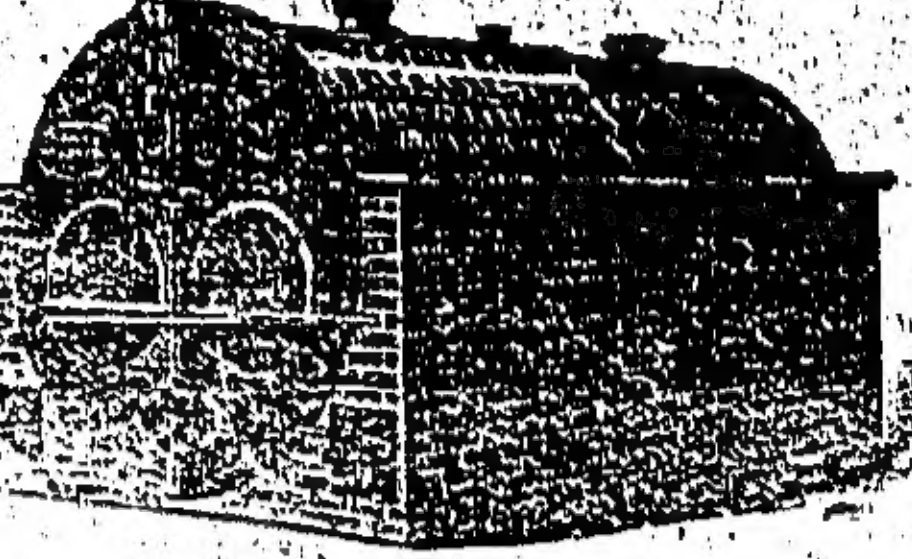
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THE INDUSTRIAL EFFECT OF CHEAP SILVER.

An important article appears in the new number of the *Nineteenth Century* by Mr. Moreton Frewen, on the curious effect that has been wrought on the industrial conditions of the world by the depreciation of silver during the last quarter of a century. The article is mainly concerned with an explanation of the interesting financial project lately under the consideration of the British Government, and set forth in some detail by an article in these columns which appeared on the 8th March. By this device, the revival of a scheme proposed by the Currency Commission of 1888, notes to a large amount secured on silver and thus forming part of the subsidiary coinage, might be issued with the double advantage of expanding the coinage so as to meet the necessities of the Fenslon scheme; while, at the same time, by creating an extensive demand for silver bullion as a reserve against the issue, the measure would undoubtedly have the effect of raising the gold price of silver to a very considerable extent. When writing on this subject, last month, we said that the Secretary of State for India had given an assurance to the effect that if such an enhancement of silver exchange should ensue from the adoption of the Note scheme as would raise the intrinsic value of the rupee above its present face value the official rate of exchange would be modified, so as to prevent what would otherwise be the danger of driving rupees to the melting pot. In the course of his present article, Mr. Frewen prints a letter he had himself received from Lord Morley giving the specific pledge to which we referred. In this letter the Secretary of State remarks that nothing would suit India better than a rise in silver which should establish the price above 48s. per oz., and says that, if such a rise took place, "we should raise the issue price of the rupee to 1s. 6d., and would, of course, retain our rupee currency." The manifold advantages of

THE SILVER NOTE ISSUE emphasise in a high degree the probability that sooner or later the system will actually be adopted, although it may, in the first instance, encounter an ignorant outcry against tampering with the currency, based upon the curious superstition which prevails so widely to the effect that currency questions are too complicated for general comprehension. In truth they are no more complicated or difficult to understand than problems in Euclid, and only intimidate the imaginations of those who, so to speak, spin the volume of the middle without taking the pains to comprehend first principles. If Mr. Frewen's article were merely a recapitulation of the arguments we have already advanced in favour of the proposed Note Issue, it would claim a few words of acknowledgment since it passes over the same ground we have already traversed; but the writer introduces the subject with a survey of the strange results which have ensued, in the Far Eastern world from the demonstration of silver, and these are so imperfectly appreciated as yet that a close examination of the facts and figures he brings forward is most desirable. It will be found to be fraught with a significance that can hardly be over-rated in reference to what he calls "The New Era in Economic History" which has gradually been developed, since the influence of Asiatic Exchanges during the last five and twenty years.

THE NEW ERA is first considered in reference to the industrial relations of the Western world with China. The gold equivalent of 20 taels, according to the old rate of exchange, will now purchase silver amounting to 47 taels. This, of course, more than doubles the price the Chinaman has to pay for European goods, but it has quite a different effect on his own export trade. The purchasing power of silver in relation to the necessities of life is not materially changed by its depreciation in the West within the Chinese Empire. The cost of production of any article which the Chinese can manufacture has thus remained unaltered, but the price paid for it in gold, in the Western world, enables the Chinese exporter to get back 47 taels where, formerly, he would only have received 20. Clearly there is no great difficulty in understanding the bearing of this new era on the industrial life of the Far East. Chinese factories are in course of establishment in ever increasing number, giving employment to yellow labour, and weakening the industrial conditions of the West. As far as India is concerned, she has undoubtedly benefited in a greater or less degree under the operation of the existing exchange, although to a lesser extent than China, by reason

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Alexandra Building, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 29th day of May, 1909, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st April, 1909.

THE REGISTERED BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th inst. to and including, both days inclusive, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908.

THE REGISTERED SHARES will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 26th inst. to TUESDAY, the 1st June, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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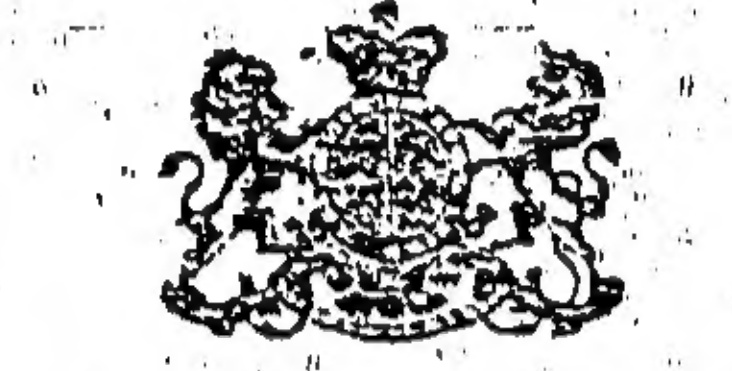
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MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

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General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, May 25.—Register of Births of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., close from this date to 1st June, inclusive. Goods per E. F. Ferdinand undelivered after this date subject to rent. WEDNESDAY, May 26.—2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's Sales Rooms. Transfer Books of Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., close from this date to 2nd June, inclusive. Goods per Lueder undelivered after this date subject to rent. THURSDAY, May 27.—Goods per Memo, not cleared on this date subject to rent. SATURDAY, May 29.—11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., at Registered Office. Noon—Meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office. Noon—Meeting of Watkins, Ltd., at Co.'s Office. WEDNESDAY, June 2.—12.15 p.m.—Meeting of 'Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at St. Paul Chatter's Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1909.

ANCIENT CHINESE TAXI-CABS.

THE study of the ancient Chinese records, as pursued by that strange and very self-centered race of men known as Sinologists, seems as productive today of high caloric energy as it did fifty years ago. Fortunately there are but a few Sinologists, otherwise the storm and fury of their verbal combats would be more than the sorely-racked nerves of the average worldling of the present-day could put up with. Just at present the chief antagonists within the Sinological ring seem to be Professor A. H. GILES, of Cambridge, and Professor E. H. PARKER of Manchester. Both are doughty fellows with their pens; both are very learned men, fully persuaded that the other is entirely on the wrong tack in the particular course of learned exploration and exploitation to which their working lives are devoted; and neither is at all adverse to belabouring the other with the stout cudgels beloved of the old-time schoolmen whenever an opportunity arises. Their dialectics belong to a region so entirely apart from the ordinary run of life, however, that the vulgar herd may surely be pardoned if at times it owns up to a sense of bewilderment engendered by the sound of the fierce polemical thwackings and vigorous thrustings which come from the direction of Manchester or Cambridge, as the case may be, and acknowledge to a feeling of mild wonder at the vitriolic character of the scorn, sarcasm and philippic which go hurrying through

the air during the course of these

Homeric encounters.

The latest storm in the China leasoup was occasioned by the announcement in *The Times* on January 23 that Professor GILES, during the course of researches into ancient Chinese history, had "unearthed" nothing more or less than a "taxi-cab," which had evidently been used in the Middle Kingdom in the remote ages of the past. Much credit was given to Professor GILES for his discovery in all the newspapers copying *The Times* report and therein lay the cause of the subsequent trouble. It brought Professor PARKER into the field. Quoting from books and the *Journals of the Asiatic Society*, the gentleman from Manchester proved that he and Professor F. HUNN, of Columbia University, New York, had during the past twenty years "frequently discussed the subject of the supposed Chinese 'compass,' or south-pointing chariot and boat, with a view to showing that, although the locomotive was known to the ancient Chinese, its use for navigating purposes was not understood until the Arab sailors introduced it from the west." Dr. HUNN, it seems, made frequent allusion during these years to the specific chapter from which Professor GILES unearthed his discovery, even mentioning the taxi-cab with its cogwheels and diameters in more than one learned contribution. Dr. CHALMERS, in 1891, also described the strange vehicle—and supplied a hypothetical sketch to the *Chinese Review*. Not content with citing these authorities, however, Professor PARKER proceeds to quote from various chapters of the "Tsin History," the "Early Sung History," "Southern Tsin History," the "Nuchen Tsin History," and the "Later Sung History" to show that the much-talked-of discovery by the Cambridge sinologue was no discovery at all. In his final paragraph, which we presume is meant to be particularly crushing, Professor PARKER directs shrewd blows, finely tempered with caustic irony, at his adventurous brother sinologue. He says:—"Professor GILES has done many an excellent service in 'unearthings' for the general public diverse curious matters from Chinese literature; but, in the present instance, he has had full opportunity to avail himself of the references to chapter and verse given by his three colleagues, and no doubt their translations and notes cited above are all in his possession. When he thinks he has made a sensational discovery, he should be careful to make quite sure of his ground before he leaps into the limelight, the more so because when he has made a mistake, he has hitherto been so loath to set matters right, and has wasted so much energy in bolstering up bad cases, it is impossible not to forget his strange, not to say impossible, theory about the supposed myth of 'Lao-tai' and all his works; besides his more recent discovery of 1,000-year-old pictures of Our Saviour and two Nestorians—three stock figures in Chinese literature—who turn out to be simply our old friends Lao-tai, Confucius, and Buddha, as I have clearly proved in the *Toung Pao* of last year (Series II, vol. viii, p. 5). All we really have to thank him for now is for getting Professor Hornsman to make a 'curious model'."

It is a pretty quarrel as it stands; but of course we have only here one side of the story. We expect that Professor GILES is quite prepared to fire a broadside in reply, and in due course and at his own good time he will "get even," while the lookers-on at the controversy will discover at the close, like the wise Jackdaw of Rheims, that for all the fierceness of the words employed, nobody is "a penny the worse."

Edward Day, an unemployed English cook, was charged at the Magistrate's day with being a vagrant. He was sent to the House of Detention.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Bishop of Victoria will preach at the Evening Service (8 p.m.) at St. Andrew's Kowloon, to-morrow evening.

A case of plague is reported to-day from Shanghai Street, Taumeti; and a fatal case from Connaught Road Central.

At the Sanitary Board meeting on Tuesday, a letter from Mr. Shollon Hooper will be read relative to a nuisance at the New Western Market.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. P. N. H. Jones to act as Director of Public Works during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. William Chatham, C.M.G.

Mr. Hutton, of the Hongkong Agency the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, with his wife and family, left for a six months holiday in the United States by the *Chiyo Maru* this morning.

The match factory which blew up on the outskirts of Shanghai on May 17 belonged to Chiang Sung and Co. and was comparatively a new concern. Nine persons were killed outright and 100 injured.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint provisionally Mr. P. N. H. Jones to a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Lieut. C. W. M. Beckwith, Assistant Harbour Master, to be Assistant Superintendent of Police in charge of the Water Police, in addition to his other duties.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal has been granted to Company Serg. Major B. W. Gray and Bombardier H. E. Craddock, Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

The Agent in Hongkong of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., reports that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 8th May, 1909, amounted to 23,881.60 tons and the sales during the period to 25,441.39 tons.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Ko Shing Theatre ... \$35
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The French Municipal Council in Shanghai are conducting a very vigorous campaign against the mosquito in which kerosene oil is freely employed. Thrifty Chinese noticing the oil on the crevices and pools about the Concession are now engaged in skimming it off the water and using it for lighting and fuel.

Colonel Maude discusses the value of airships in war, and points out that the airship can never be relied on in foggy or rainy weather, or snow; and can make no forward progress the moment the velocity of the wind exceeds the power of its propellers. He suggests the general staff should work out the probable effect of varying atmospheric conditions in several conjunctive campaigns. He looks forward to the early appearance of a fresh source of power which would supply in a very small compass power enough to enable a flying machine to lift something considerably in excess of its own weight. In the meantime he thinks that dirigible airships might be tested over the plains of India and in South Africa, as auxiliaries to the police.

The Washington Government has received an intimation from Constantinople that the appointment of Mr. Oscar Strauss to the Legation at Constantinople is unfortunate on account of his Jewish race. This intimation is not intended to suggest that Mr. Strauss is unwelcome to the new Government itself, but merely that in view of the disturbed state of public opinion, in the wake of the recent coup d'etat, American diplomacy might be prejudiced by representation at the hands of a race unpopular among Mohammedans. It is questionable whether the Washington Government will act directly on this intimation; probably Mr. Strauss will be left free to act, and in the circumstances it is considered likely that he will ultimately resign the appointment. This intelligence has caused no little surprise, seeing that on the occasion of his former incumbency of this office Mr. Strauss was one of the most popular members of the diplomatic corps at Constantinople.

A LAME DEFENCE.

Some strange defences are occasionally advanced in cases which get dealt with at the Magistrate's. There was one to-day. Inspector Robertson charged a native with stealing a live fowl. The evidence was to the effect that defendant "snatched up the fowl as he was walking in a street at West Point, slipped it under his jacket, and was making off when he was arrested."

Defendant said the fowl was in his way, and he only picked it up so as to avoid trampling on and injuring it.

Mr. F. A. Hazeland, the Magistrate, sentenced defendant to three weeks' imprisonment and six months' stripes.

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THE "SCARESHIP"

A MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

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LONDON, May 22.

Interviews with balloon manufacturers have been published in the newspapers showing that numerous model airships, have been sold in England for purposes of advertisement, some of these being 25 feet long.

This is believed to explain the late mysterious appearance of airships in different parts of the country.

THEFT OF FALSE TEETH.

John Chinaman makes no discrimination in thieving; he will confiscate anything he can lay hands on. This was demonstrated yesterday afternoon, when a native managed to steal from a show case belonging to Mr. Tam Wa Fong, dentist of Queen's Road, 31 false teeth, valued at \$100.

AN INTERIM INJUNCTION.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, at the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. J. Scott Harton, applied on behalf of the Portland Flour Mills for an interim injunction against Messrs Scores and Co., to restrain them from selling flour in bags marked so as to be calculated to be passed off as the flour of the plaintiffs. Counsel submitted that the bags on the face of them were liable to deceive, especially as much of the flour went into the country. The plaintiff's bags were marked with the three colour brand and defendants also had the same colours.

Hon. Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. Almeida Castro, of Messrs Goldring, Barlow and Marshall, defended and said there had been no infringement by the defendant because he was only the agent and sold the flour on behalf of the American Trading Co. Defendant had cabled the company and they had replied that there was no infringement and to contest the case.

His Lordship said that he would grant the injunction because even if defendant undertook not to sell the flour except on the American Trading Co. order, he could do so. His Lordship expressed regret for defendant whom he considered had acted perfectly innocently in the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ALLEGED TONKIN INCIDENT.

A DENIAL.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.") Sir,—The *Hongkong Telegraph* published in its issue of the 21st inst. a telegram from Peking, 18th May, reproduced from the Chinese newspaper *Shen Kuo*, relating to a supposed violation of the Chinese frontier of Kwangsi by French troops stationed in Tonkin.

I am authorized to give a formal denial to these absurd rumours which, according to official telegraphic information I have just received from the Governor General of Indo-China, have no foundation whatever.

I may even add that the authorities on both sides of the frontier are working in perfect harmony. Believe me, very sincerely yours, GASTON LIEBERT, Consul for France, Hongkong, May 22nd 1909.

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THE BUDGET PROPOSALS.

ENDORSEMENT BY THE COMMONS.

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LONDON, May 21.

The House of Commons has passed all the Budget resolutions, which have been reported to the House.

SILK CULTIVATION IN FRANCE.

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LONDON, May 21.

The French Chamber is discussing a Bill allowing silk-worm growers sixty centimes per kilogramme of raw silk for 20 years from May 1st, 1909.

GERMANY AND BRITISH SCARES.

DANGER OF "BASELESS ALARMS."

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LONDON, May 22.

The German Press seriously discusses the airship and other "scare" in England, dwelling on the danger of baseless alarms "when the powder cask is only awaiting sparks."

CHINA'S THANKS.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 21.

It has been decided that Prince Chia, eldest son of Prince Ching, shall proceed to Japan in order to convey the thanks of the Chinese Government for the visit of Prince Fushimi to the funeral of the late Emperor. H.E. Ta Hung Chi, President of the Board of Law, is to go to Russia on a similar mission. In other countries the Chinese Ministers will express thanks.

MACAO DELIMITATION.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 21.

The question of sending a further Commissioner in connection with the Macao delimitation dispute has not yet been decided. H.E. Shai Shu recommends Chang Yin Tang, while Prince Ching suggests H.E. Tang Shao-yi.

CHINESE RAILWAY LOANS.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 21.

The Board of Communications proposes to redeem the Shanghai-Ningpo railway by means of the Reserve Fund of the Peking-Hankow railway.

TRAINING CHINESE SAILORS.

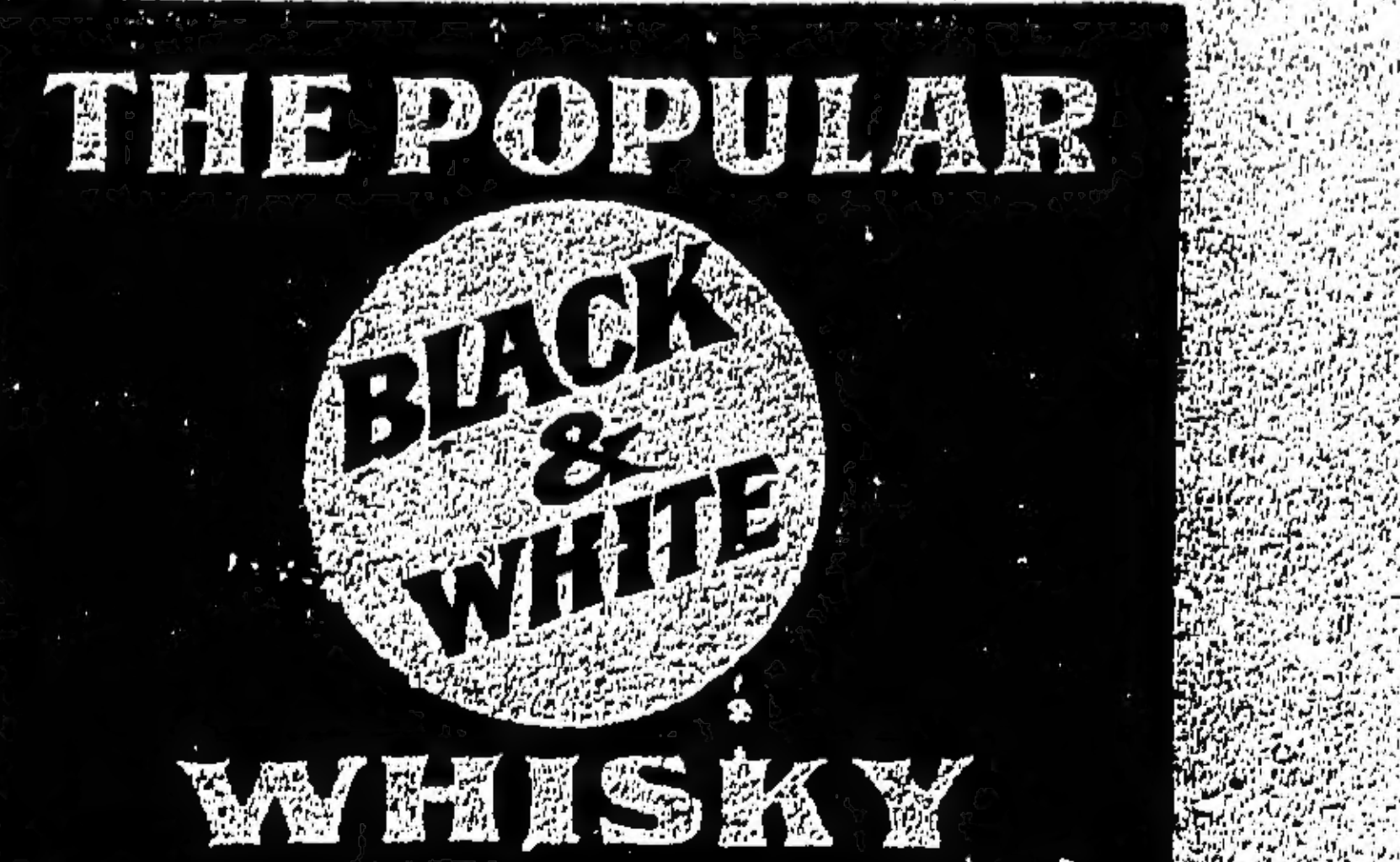
(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, May 21.

Admiral Sa is negotiating with the British Admiralty with a view to sending Chinese students to undergo practical naval training on board British men-of-war.

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COMPANY MEETING.

The Paris Toilet Company, Ltd.

The Third General Meeting of Shareholders of the Paris Toilet Co., Ltd., was held on May 20, 1909, at the Central, Registered Office of the Company.

Mr. Percy Smith presided and there were present Messrs J. H. Seth, Enos Seth, J. O. Sapiens, C. Metzinger, W. Schmidt, E. G. Smith, Li Fuk Tsam, and Loung Wing Chuan.

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said that the report and accounts having been in their hands for some days he would take them as read and regretted that the accounts did not show a large profit.

The report was as follows:—The general managers beg to submit to the shareholders their report on the company's business for the year ending 31st December, 1908, with a statement of accounts to that date. We regret we are unable to show a large profit on the year's working in spite of doing a greater volume of business but our expenses have increased considerably although we have, with the help of our manager, Mr. J. O. Sapiens, done what we could to reduce them. Our profit on sales has been curtailed by the great drop in exchange and by the high price of hair at present prevailing in Europe. The net profit for the year including \$53.82 brought forward from last account amounts to \$28.26, which we propose to carry forward to next year. Mr. Beattie was elected auditor for the year under review, but owing to his having to go away he resigned and Mr. J. Cox-Edwards was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Cox-Edwards being eligible offers himself for re-election.

Mr. Sapiens, manager, asked for more oversight of the books and wished to know every month the amount of the receipts and expenditure. He must have them if they took him as manager. For three or four months at a time he was unaware how things stood and he could not remain manager if the accounts were kept from him.

The Chairman:—Personally I did not know you had not the information you ask for. As you make out the statement of expenses you know everything that is being done.

Mr. Sapiens:—I wrote a registered letter to you asking for a private meeting of shareholders in June. If I do not pay a dividend people come on my back.

Mr. J. H. Seth:—You make the statement out and you have all the invoices. The Chairman said that he had not the slightest idea that that he had not had all that he wished to have. As regards a half-yearly meeting he had considered that unnecessary it being such a small company. He thought shareholders would agree with him as it would be a waste of time and money.

Mr. J. H. Seth:—The working of the company has nothing to do with the finances of the company.

The Chairman:—It is a great misfortune you did not say so before.

Mr. J. H. Seth:—I have often invited you to come and see the books.

Mr. E. G. Smith:—You have an auditor! The general managers are capable of looking after the business.

Mr. J. H. Seth:—What is it that you want to know?

Mr. Sapiens:—I want to know how we stand.

The Chairman:—You certainly never asked me for what you say you never had.

The discussion then ended and on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Li Fuk Tsam the report and accounts were adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Enos Smith seconded by Mr. Enos Smith, Mr. Cox-Edwards was re-elected auditor.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, I thank you for your attendance. I am sorry I cannot say that dividend warrants are ready. We must hope for better things later on.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

DAILY MAIL EMPIRE DAY RACE CONTEST. At King's Park Range on Monday, May 24th, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

A team match between Officers, Sergeants and Gunner N.C.O.'s and men will take place the same afternoon.

SEMI-AMATEUR SWIMMING CLASH. At Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday the 24th and Wednesday the 26th instant.

AMATEUR CLASH. More names are required for the above class.

SPORTING.

Tennis.

The annual tennis match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club, which had been arranged to be played off this afternoon, has been postponed on account of the Kowloon ground being under water after last night's rain. It has been proposed to hold the match on Whit-Monday, weather, of course, permitting.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 22nd at 11.50 a.m.—The depression lying over the Sea of Japan yesterday, has moved into the Pacific to the East of Hokkaido.

The barometer has fallen slightly over N. Formosa and the Southern Loo-Choo, a shallow depression having formed over the S. part of the Eastern Sea.

Pressure has increased slightly to moderate over S. Japan, China and Mongolia. It is relatively high over the Upper Yangtze Valley, and over the Pacific between S.W. Japan and the Bonins.

Moderate variable winds and squally weather may be expected in the Formosa Channel and along the northern shores of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 2.57 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—

1.—Hongkong and Neighborhood: Variable winds, moderate; squally showers.

2.—Formosa Channel: Same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loo-Choo: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

AN EVENING STROLL IN CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

No visitor should leave Canton without taking an evening stroll on the Bund. In this place, China can be seen, as it were, in miniature; and the foreigner will find it well worth his while to visit this most interesting spot.

The Bund is somewhat difficult of access as it is necessary to pass through several narrow and crowded streets before it can be reached. These streets are, in themselves, full of interest and the sight-seer will find much to amuse him. What a pity it is that so many people come to the East with their minds biased against Asiatics and all their ways! People who expect to find the conditions of the West End of London in an Eastern City and who grumble and growl when they do not find them should stay at home. The Canton and Hankow Railway Ferry has its station at the commencement of the Bund. There are two fine steamers plying between this station and the principal station lower down the river. There seems to be a large amount of traffic for the boats are nearly always crowded.

The side of the Bund nearest the river is made intensely lively by the numbers of people continuously landing and embarking from the wharves. At every few yards there is a wharf, some of them well finished in stone; some half-completed, and still others mere bamboo and mat-shed constructions. But all are busy. Sampans, junks, barges and lighters are continually coming and going. Perhaps the best thing about these wharves is their names: "Heavenly Peace," "Eternal Harmony," "Eternal Life," "Great Prosperity," but a few among dozens of similar high-sounding names.

On this side also some attempt has been made to beautify the place but with little success. A few half-shrivalled trees, robbed of leaves, stand in rows, their weary looking heads but the result of the effect is the reverse of inspiring.

Here, as in all places, the people are the most interesting part of the scene. "The proper study of mankind is man," said Pope, and if he had ever come to Canton he would have found plenty of food for study. The persons to be found on this Bund seem mostly to be of the working class with just a sprinkling of students; occasionally a merchant or official hurries past in a sedan chair. They are all quiet and orderly and seem on the best of terms with each other. Crowds are to be seen entering the newly erected theatre, for the Chinese are intensely fond of the stage. On each side of the road are to be seen swarms of small peddlars and hawkers, the whole stock in trade of whom appears to be only a few things in value. But a cant goes a long way in Canton and it is surprising what a few "cash" have the power to purchase.

By the side of a noisy vendor of oranges sits a phenologist gravely demonstrating to an admiring crowd the mental capabilities of a pair of ducks who are quacking before the professor. A little further on is a man who is proclaiming to one and all the wonderful virtues of a cough cure. Close to him, on a disused building site, is a quackery where, gesticulating wildly and advocating all kinds of reform, near by is a man selling ballads and cheap books. The man with the greatest audience, however, is a dentist, who, with the victim on whom he is about to practise, stands in the middle of an admiring crowd, waving in one hand a shining tooth which departs long strings of teeth—tokens of his prowess while in the other he brandishes a pair of forceps that have, even to a casual observer, evidently not been treated according to the principles laid down by Lord Lister. He loudly calls on the admiring crowd to see the offending tooth come out as smoothly as a placidly flowing stream, but not having any desire for horrors we stroll on. We pass a blind wonder who, squatting on the ground, proclaims at the pitch of her voice that she is the mother of nine children and calls on "great and small" to render the inevitable "cumbash." Still further on is a go-ahead medic who has on a table a large mechanical image of a man lately swallowed countless draughts of physic. The bystanders are very interested for a "King Kai" is always a source of interest in China. On the walls are placarded theatre notices, patent-medicine fables and a weird advertisement, partly in Chinese, partly in what is intended to be English, informing those who read that Dr. ———— "physician" is the Leprosy Editor Lord no fear. We leave the interpretation thereof to present day Daniels.

Some of the sights, however, are not so interesting. Near the river side stands a poor little girl fearfully disfigured with leprosy. An old woman walks by carrying a small child suffering from small-pox while several beggars are positively loathsome in their filth and rage.

Children are greatly in evidence. Dirty little urchins dash in and out of the crowd shrieking at the top of their voices and what pretty little creatures some would be if only they had an occasional bath. But all seem happy and well fed and compared with happiness and well-limed stomachs soap is but of secondary importance.

A pleasing point to record is the respect shown to foreigners. The obnoxious epithets that are so often heard in some places are rarely, if ever, heard here. After several years' residence in the East and with an intimate knowledge of the Chinese—in Canton, Singapore, Hongkong and Bangkok the writer is forced to the conclusion that a Westerner stands less chance of being insulted by opprobrious remarks in Canton than he does in the above mentioned places.

The presence of many bright-looking school-boys on their way home from study reminds the observant visitor that China is fast waking up to the needs of the present day and to a sense of the possibilities of her own wonderful people; and by the time these bright little lads come to man's estate, China will, in all probability, be playing a far more important part in the conduct of the nations than she does at present.

A BARGAIN.

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RAMBLING NOTES.

Of course the great event in Colonial history this week has been the passing of Bacon Hill Tunnel, six months ahead of time. My congratulations go forth immediately to Mr. Waite and his hardworking colleagues in achieving this astonishing success. For a "young man of 55 to 60," to quote Mr. Eves, chief resident engineer, Mr. Waite sets us older fellows of forty or so a fine example of energy, skill and perseverance combined with tact and knowledge of men. But then he is a British engineer and as we know by experience this class of men is made out of good stuff.

Recently our Chief Justice was complaining about being overworked, yet there is every reason for congratulating the staff of the Hongkong Supreme Court from His Lordship downwards on their efficiency in that the work at the court, however heavy it may be, is not so congested as at Calcutta where the cause list in the Criminal Appellate Division is already over ten feet in length, and includes almost two hundred cases, the hearing of which, in some instances, fixed over a month before have not yet been mentioned in Court. The result of this is that cases arise in which short-sentence positioners work out their period of imprisonment before the hearing of their appeal.

A correspondent complains of the number of stray dogs in Wong Nei Cheong Road and Leighton Hill Road which worry his poultry. Would the authorities please note?

The story goes that an American tourist arrived at Blake Pier the other day and meeting a member of the Hongkong Constabulary asked the guardian of the law if he was really a policeman. Receiving a reply in the affirmative the tourist asked:—"Could you get me a cab?"

"What would you like," asked the constable, "a handsome or a taxicab?"

"Can you really get me a taxicab here?" asked the tourist in amazement.

"You can get anything you like if you only wait long enough," replied the policeman, who is said to have told an Indian officer to go and cable to London for a taxicab. The tourist's sentiments are not recorded.

So Lord "Boba" has celebrated his golden wedding. Fine old veteran, with a heart of gold, may old age fall upon him like a lustrous winter, frosty yet kindly. The following story from Punch of some years ago is worth repeating:—A little boy and a younger sister were looking over an illustrated magazine together when they came across a picture entitled "Lord Roberts, G.C.B." "What does G. C. B. mean?" enquired the little girl. "Why, don't you know? That means, 'generally called Boba,'" came the reply of her more enlightened brother.

A similar story might be told of a little girl who picked up a P.P.C. card left at her mother's house, one day. Turning to her brother, some 18 months older, she enquired, "Why does Miss Smith put P.P.C. on her visiting card?" "Why, of course, that means she's a Ping-pong champion round her way."

However good opinions we may have of our American friends we really must be allowed occasionally to be able to walk with them in the States. One which I'm afraid will have to fall into this category is a tale of a fellow which I have just seen in one of the American newspapers. It appears that a hen was bought by a Mrs. Appleton, more for company than as an egg-producer, but it soon began to lay, if we are to believe the account, on such a wholesale scale that it became a whole poultry farm in itself. After indicating that the egg began to come in batches of three and four a day, the narrative continues:—"She laid two eggs last Thursday and then Mrs. Appleton began to grow nervous. The hen took Friday off, but on Saturday two eggs appeared in the nest. She observed the next day, Sunday, by resting, but on Monday she contributed two more. On Wednesday the crop amounted to nine eggs and on Thursday all records were broken, for on that day she laid nineteen eggs. These were too many for Mrs. Appleton's nerves and she collapsed."

I should think so! But stay, the yard doesn't finish here. In a later issue of the same paper I read the following interesting item:—"Having made herself famous by laying 150 eggs in two months," a hen belonging to Mrs. George W. Appleton, of Red Bank, N.J., is all laid out. Last Thursday, after producing nineteen eggs, which were lost, she laid two more the following day. Since then not a single egg has been found in the hen's nest."

If this dear lady kept a boarding house she might be justified in charging an item something like this:—"To wear and tear of hen."

Here's something which will interest the ladies. Recently Professor Washburn Hopkins, of Yale University, gave an address in the course of which he said:—"Simple reality prompts the savage to wear many of his ornaments. Even animals are vain, and one of the characteristic features of savage life is love of personal adornment. The reason why a modern woman is so fond of adornment is not only because she is a religious conservative but because she is more conservative anyway. She retains the race history, that is to say, she remains more a savage than does a man, being in this regard on a par with a boy, who represents the still undeveloped stage and shows the same excess of personal reality. If the Professor is right then Hongkong may be described as 'an island largely inhabited by savages.' Anyhow, I'm afraid Professor Hopkins can't be a popular man with the fair sex."

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BANK CLERK ARRESTED.

Charge of Stealing \$70,000.

At the Magistrate's, this morning, before Mr. J. H. Kemp, Chief Detective Inspector Hanson brought up a Chinese clerk, named Lim Chee Sang, alias J. W. Dodson, aged 30 years, on a charge of larceny of about \$70,000 from the Penang branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, between September 30, 1901 and April 9, 1909.

Arrest having been formally proved, prisoner was asked if he had anything to say. He stated that he reserved his defence, and wished to be sent back to Penang.

The case was remanded for a week.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, MAY 23rd, 1909.

St. John's Cathedral.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.).

Matins (11 a.m.).

Responses: Festival: Venite, Maforan.

Psalm, of the 23rd morning; To

Down, Woodward, Savit, Turle;

Benedictus, Garrett; Hymns, 2-7,

230 and 147.

Evening (6.45 p.m.). (Full Choir).

Responses: Festival: Psalms, of the 23rd

evening (J.); Magnificat, Nene Di-

ttis, Stan ord in 8; Anthem, "I

know that my Redeemer is," Since by

man, Handel, 304 and 147.

Serenade, Adams.

N. S. Psalm, 114, Verses 1, 2, 5, 6 &

Q. P. in unison; Psalm 115, Verses

1, 2, 9, 12, 14, 18 in unison.

UNION CHURCH, KENNEDY

ROAD.

Ministry: Rev. C. H. Hedding.

11 a.m. - Worship, Hymns 103, 25, 174,

174, Litanies (St. John's subject).

2 p.m. - Two Novels and Jesus

Christ.

8 p.m. - Worship, Hymns 153, 131, 132,

240, Subject: "Diving and Ballooning."

Friday, 8 p.m. - Christian Endeavour Society.

Subject: "Thankfulness."

St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road,

West.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Venite, Matins; Psalms, of the 23rd

evening; Jubilate; Hymns, 151,

417, 148, 345; Kyrie.

Evening Prayer 6.30.

Gloria: Magnificat: R. Robinson; Cantata:

Nene Dittis, Stan ord in 8; Dous;

Hymns, 147, 237, 559, 560; Kyrie.

Holy Communion 7.45 p.m.

The Church, "Diving and Ballooning,"

will call on ships carrying white crews

to bring friends ashore to the services

between 9.15 and 10.15 a.m. and between

5.15 and 6 p.m. (Keweenaw Point Pier

10.30 and 6, returning afterwards. All

the attendance is free and unaccompanied.

Visitors are welcome. Books &c. provided.

Sunday School 10-10.45 a.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Holy Communion at 3 p.m. and Morning

Services at 11 a.m. by the Rev. G.

A. Danbury.

Evening Service at 6 p.m. Preacher the

Rev. G. A. Danbury.

Services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday of the month of June.

on 2nd and 4th Sun-

days of the month at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer: 11 a.m.

Evening Prayer: 6 p.m.

Peak Church.

Holy Communion: 8 a.m.

German Chapel (Deutsche

Kapelle) High Str. 1.

German Service 11 a.m. Pastor John

nes Muller.

Wesleyan Methodist Church,

Wanchai.

Sunday services: 10.15 a.m. Preacher,

Mr. Heald.

Evening 8.15 p.m. - Preacher, Rev. J. A.

A. Baker.

Subject for Sunday Evening: "Christ

and the Child" a special service at

which the children of the Sunday

school will sing.

Tuesday 8.30 p.m. - Temperance Meeting.

Address by Mr. Stevenson.

Wednesday 8 p.m. - Lecture by Mr. J. C.

Jeong. "A trip through Hong Kong,

Peking and Port Arthur" illustrated

by lantern slides.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home,

Arsenal Street.

Sunday 3 p.m. P.S.A. - Address by Capt.

Brown.

8 p.m. - Gospel Meeting to be conducted

by Pastor Arthur.

Monday 8 p.m. - Fellowship Meeting.

Wednesday 8 p.m. - Temperance Meet-

ing.

Saturday 8 p.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Deutsche Kirche.

Gettoingdon - on 11 Uhr. in Bethesd

Kapelle, Gaiue Road.

Christian Science Services.

Off Queen's Road Central.

Regular Services, Sundays, 11.15 a.m.

Wednesday, 5.30 p.m. The ending

Room at the same address will be open

daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and

from 3 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church.

Mass, Sermon (English) and Benediction

at 10 a.m.

Rosary Church, Kowloon.

In future there will be two Divine Services

to the Rosary Church, Kowloon, on

Sundays and Obligation days; First

Mass at 7 a.m., Second Mass at 9 a.m.,

followed by the Benediction of the

Blessed Sacrament.

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